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1. LAINCC HAS CLEARED SUBJECT STATEMENT WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS, WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

A. PARAGRAPH 8, SECOND SENTENCE - FUNDS AUTHORIZED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR WORLDWIDE NARCOTICS CONTROL UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT ARE BEING USED TO FINANCE USG PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM.

B. PARAGRAPH 8, FOURTH SENTENCE - LARGER ITEMS, SUCH AS HELICOPTERS, FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ARE BEING LOANED TO JAMAICA ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO SUPPORT JAMAICA AIR AND SEA SURVEILLANCE AND INTERDICTION EFFORTS.

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C. PARAGRAPH 9, LAST SENTENCE - IN ADDITION, THE GOVERN-

MENT HAS TAKEN NECESSARY ACTION TO EXTEND THE CAPABILITY OF JDF FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS AND PURCHASING OTHER TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE INTERDICTION PROGRAM.

D. PARAGRAPH 12, THIRD ANSWER, FIRST SENTENCE - THE UNITED STATES HAS LOANED FOUR HELICOPTERS, THREE FIXED-WING

AIRCRAFT AND A MOBILE RADAR SYSTEM ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO JAMAICA TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

E. PARAGRAPH 12, SIXTH ANSWER, FIRST AND SECOND SENTENCES - ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SCIENTIST VISITED JAMAICA AT THE REQUEST OF THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE COMMERCIAL WEED KILLER OF THOSE ALREADY IN USE ON THE ISLAND WHICH COULD BE USED IN AN ERADICATION PROGRAM. AFTER AN INTENSIVE TESTING PERIOD THE USDA SCIENTIST RECOMMENDED SEVERAL WEED KILLERS THAT WOULD HAVE NO HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT. KISSINGER

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